

gentlemen and their effort to honor Mollie Beattie and her legacy and her name by naming this wilderness area in Alaska, the Brooks Range, after her.

Mr. Speaker, I did not know her as well as these two gentlemen, but I watched the struggle that she undertook with her cancer on the national media and how, despite her illness, she continued to come into work and try to protect her endangered species, and I think that this is a very gracious and noble effort, and I commend the two gentlemen, and I hope that we remember what her legacy was, and that is the protection of our species as we move ahead on legislative efforts in the future.

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it was with great sadness that we learned of the untimely passing of Mollie Beattie on June 27. The many accomplishments of her too brief tenure as Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service were indicative of her approach to life. She led the Service at a time when many of our fundamental protections for wildlife and the environment were under attack. But Mollie always seized life by the horns and took the rough ride without complaint, even to the end.

She dealt with friend and foe alike with an honesty and straightforwardness that was unusual and refreshing. In fact, I don't believe she regarded those who challenged the conservation policies of her agency as foes, but as people who could see it her way if she just had a chance to talk it over with them. Her vision of wildlife conservation was crystal clear and far-reaching, and came not from political calculation, but from moral conviction.

The bill we are passing today will rename the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness, the largest in the refuge system, after Mollie Beattie. The mountains of Alaska's Brooks Range are an appropriate tribute to Mollie. Their quiet beauty should not lead us to underestimate their inner strength. Mollie showed this kind of strength as she continued to lead the Fish and Wildlife Service despite worsening health problems in recent months. When we look at these mountains in the future we will be reminded of her spirit, her vision, and most of all her quiet strength.

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation, a fitting tribute to Mollie Beattie, a leader in wilderness protection.

This legislation is especially important to me because Mollie Beattie was a Vermonter and the State of Vermont was lucky enough to benefit from her work long before she became the first woman to direct the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Her extensive list of accomplishments has benefited wildlife habitat areas, State parks, wetlands, and forests in Vermont and across the Nation.

This legislation recognizes the contribution that Mollie Beattie made to the environment and the pristine wilderness that graces our Nation. The designation will remind all of us of her strong defense of the environment and remind us that we need to do our own part in protecting it.

It was a great loss when Mollie Beattie was taken from this earth she loved so much when she died of brain cancer on June 27, 1996. I urge your support for this bill that provides a suitable tribute to her work.

Mr. STUDDS. Mr. Speaker, once again we honor a very decent and very

gentle woman, and, I might add, a very brave woman.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alaska?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

S. 1899

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 702(3) of Public Law 96-487 is amended by striking "Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness" and inserting "Mollie Beattie Wilderness". The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to place a monument in honor of Mollie Beattie's contributions to fish, wildlife, and waterfowl conservation and management at a suitable location that he designates within the Mollie Beattie Wilderness.

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the two bills just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GUTKNECHT). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alaska?

There was no objection.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3756, TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 475 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 475

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3756) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. Points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with section 302(f), 308(a), or 401(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The amendment printed in part 1 of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall

be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. Points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, for failure to comply with clause 2 or 6 or rule XXI are waived except as follows: page 53, line 15, through page 55, line 12; and page 56, line 13, through page 57, line 3. Before consideration of any other amendment it shall be in order to consider the amendments printed in part 2 of the report of the Committee on Rules. Each amendment printed in part 2 of the report may be considered only in the order printed, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in part 2 of the report are waived. During consideration of the bill for further amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 6 of rule XXIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may reduce to not less than five minutes the time for voting by electronic device on any postponed question that immediately follows another vote by electronic device without intervening business, provided that the time for voting by electronic device on the first in any series of questions shall not be less than fifteen minutes. After the reading of the final lines of the bill, a motion that the Committee of the Whole rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted shall, if offered by the majority leader or a designee, have precedence over a motion to amend. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida [Mr. DIAZ-BALART] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from California [Mr. BEILENSEN], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for purposes of debate only.

(Mr. DIAZ-BALART asked and was given permission to extend his remarks and to include extraneous matter.)

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 475 is an open rule, providing for the consideration of H.R. 3756, the Treasury, Postal Service and General Government Appropriations bill for fiscal year 1997. H.R. 3756 provides funds for the Treasury Department, the U.S. Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies.

The rule waives three provisions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974